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In re Application of:)
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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanations of relevance for the non-English documents are provided by their accompanying English-language abstracts and, in the case of Japanese Document No. 9-309243, a partial English translation. For the Examiner's additional information, Claim 4 of the '243 document is relevant to Japanese Document No. 5-022570, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of September 22, 2006.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the subject information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these documents were first cited in a Japanese Office Action dated October 13, 2006, in a corresponding Japanese patent application. A copy of the Office Action that issued on that related application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		9-309243	12/1997	Japan			Abstract & partial English translations
		10-329311	12/1998	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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